

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9693–S9759

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1695–1702, S. Res. 281–284, and S. Con. Res. 41. **Page S9733**

Measures Passed:

Government of Libya: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 253, expressing the sense of the Senate that the Government of Libya should apologize for the welcome home ceremony held to celebrate the release of convicted Lockerbie bomber Abdel Baset al-Megrahi, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Amendments Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1035, to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to honor the legacy of Stewart L. Udall, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Feinstein (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 2546, to strike the authorization of appropriations.

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Senior Caregiving and Affordability: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 59, supporting the goals and ideals of senior caregiving and affordability, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Helen Keller Statue: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 41, providing for the acceptance of a statue of Helen Keller, presented by the people of Alabama.

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Hurricane Hugo 20th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 282, remembering the 20th anniversary of Hurricane Hugo, which struck Charleston, South Carolina on September 21 through September 22, 1989.

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National Wild Horse and Burro Adoption Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 283, expressing support for the goals and ideals of the first annual National Wild Horse and Burro Adoption Day taking place on September 26, 2009.

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National Health Information Technology Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 284, expressing support for the designation and goals of “National Health Information Technology Week” for the period beginning on September 21, 2009, and ending on September 25, 2009.

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Measures Considered:

Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Rejected:

Vitter motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions to report the same back to the Senate forthwith with Vitter Amendment No. 2508 (to the instructions on Vitter motion to recommit the bill), to prohibit the use of funds to delay the implementation of the Draft Proposed Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program 2010–2015. (By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 293), Senate tabled the motion.)

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Feinstein (for McCaskill) Amendment No. 2514, to strike the earmarks for the Save America’s Treasure program and to provide criteria for the distribution of grants under that program. (By 72 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 294), Senate tabled the motion.)

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Pending:

Carper Amendment No. 2456, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study on black carbon emissions.

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Collins Amendment No. 2498, to provide that no funds may be used for the administrative expenses of any official identified by the President to serve in a position without express statutory authorization and

which is responsible for the interagency development or coordination of any rule, regulation, or policy unless the President certifies to Congress that such official will respond to all reasonable requests to testify before, or provide information to, any congressional committee with jurisdiction over such matters, and such official submits certain reports biannually to Congress. **Page S9706**

Isakson Modified Amendment No. 2504, to encourage the participation of the Smithsonian Institution in activities preserving the papers and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., under the Civil Rights History Project Act of 2009. **Page S9706**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 24, 2009, and that the filing deadline for second-degree amendments be 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 24, 2009. **Page S9759**

Messages from the House: **Page S9731**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S9757**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—294) **Pages S9724, S9725**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:38 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9759.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Anne S. Ferro, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, who was introduced by Senator

Cardin, and Cynthia L. Quarterman, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, both of the Department of Transportation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee continued consideration of an original bill entitled, "America's Healthy Future Act of 2009", but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call and will meet again on Thursday, September 24, 2009.

DEFENSE CONTRACT AUDIT AGENCY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Defense Contract Audit Agency, focusing on reform, which would include legislative measures to help enhance effectiveness and independence, after receiving testimony from Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, and Gayle L. Fischer, Assistant Director, Financial Management and Assurance, both of the Government Accountability Office; and Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary, Comptroller, Gordon S. Heddell, Inspector General, and April G. Stephenson, Director, Defense Contract Audit Agency, all of the Department of Defense.

USA PATRIOT ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorizing the USA PATRIOT Act, after receiving testimony from David Kris, Assistant Attorney General, Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General, both of the Department of Justice; and Suzanne E. Spaulding, Bingham Consulting Group, Lisa Graves, Center for Media and Democracy, and Kenneth L. Wainstein, O'Melveny and Myers LLP, all of Washington, DC.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jacqueline H. Nguyen, who was introduced by Senator Boxer, and Dolly M. Gee, both to be a United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and Richard Seeborg and Edward Milton Chen, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 3630–3636; 2 private bills, H.R. 3637–3638; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 190; and H. Res. 764–765, 767–769 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Pages H9899–H9900

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 766, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 111–264).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Holden to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Dr. Martha Taylor, Elmhurst Presbyterian Church, Oakland, CA.

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Discharge Petition: Representative Walden moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 554, amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require that legislation and conference reports be available on the Internet for 72 hours before consideration by the House, and for other purposes (Discharge Petition No. 6).

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Defense Production Act Reauthorization of 2009: S. 1677, to reauthorize the Defense Production Act of 1950;

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Providing for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958: H.R. 3614, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 417 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 726;

Pages H9819–21, 9843–44

Expressing condolences to the people and government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in the aftermath of the devastating typhoon that struck the central and southern regions of the island on August 8, 2009: H. Res. 733, amended, to express condolences to the people and government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in the aftermath of the devastating typhoon that struck the central and southern regions of the island on August 8, 2009;

Pages H9821–23

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Expressing condolences to the people and Government of Taiwan in the aftermath of the devastating typhoon that struck the central and southern regions of the island on August 8, 2009.”.

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Amending the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994 to extend by one year the operation of Radio Free Asia: H.R. 3593, to amend the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994 to extend by one year the operation of Radio Free Asia;

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Expressing the sense of the Congress that we honor, commemorate and celebrate the historic ties of the United States and the Netherlands: H. Con. Res. 178, amended, to express the sense of the Congress that we honor, commemorate and celebrate the historic ties of the United States and the Netherlands by recognizing the Quadricentennial celebration of the discovery of the Hudson River and the settlement and enduring values of New Netherland which permeate American society up until today;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Expressing the sense of Congress that we reaffirm the historic ties between the United States and the Netherlands by recognizing the Quadricentennial celebration of the discovery of the Hudson River and honoring the enduring values of the settlers of New Netherland that continue to permeate American society.”.

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Amending the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 to reauthorize the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy: H.R. 2131, amended, to amend the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 to reauthorize the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy;

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Supporting the goals and ideals of a decade of action for road safety: H. Con. Res. 74, amended, to support the goals and ideals of a decade of action for road safety with a global target to reduce by 50 percent the predicted increase in global road deaths between 2010 and 2020;

Pages H9827–29

Encouraging each institution of higher education in the country to seek membership in the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) Consortium: H. Res. 491, to encourage each institution of higher education in the country to seek membership in the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) Consortium;

Pages H9829–31

Recognizing and honoring Howard University School of Law's 140-year legacy of social justice: H. Res. 684, amended, to recognize and honor Howard University School of Law's 140-year legacy of social justice and its continued commitment to the training of capable and compassionate legal practitioners and scholars; **Pages H9831–33**

Acknowledging and congratulating Western Wyoming Community College in Southwest Wyoming on the occasion of its 50th anniversary: H. Res. 696, to acknowledge and congratulate Western Wyoming Community College in Southwest Wyoming on the occasion of its 50th anniversary of service to the students and citizens of the State of Wyoming, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 418 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 729; **Pages H9833–34, 9854–55**

Congratulating the Wichita State University men's and women's bowling teams for winning the 2009 United States Bowling Congress Intercollegiate Bowling National Championship: H. Res. 455, amended, to congratulate the Wichita State University men's and women's bowling teams for winning the 2009 United States Bowling Congress Intercollegiate Bowling National Championship; **Pages H9834–35**

Fiscal Year 2010 Federal Aviation Administration Extension Act: H.R. 3607, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund and to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program; **Pages H9835–37**

Expressing condolences to the families of the individuals killed during unusual storms and floods in the State of Georgia between September 18 and 21, 2009: H. Res. 765, to express condolences to the families of the individuals killed during unusual storms and floods in the State of Georgia between September 18 and 21, 2009, and to express gratitude to all of the emergency personnel who continue to work with unyielding determination to meet the needs of Georgia's residents, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 724; and **Pages H9837–40, H9842–43**

Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2009: H.R. 3617, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 335 yeas to 85 nays, Roll No. 731. **Pages H9855–65, H9866–68**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following

measure which was debated on Tuesday, September 22nd:

John J. Shiven Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 2215, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 140 Merriman Road in Garden City, Michigan, as the “John J. Shiven Post Office Building”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 423 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 725. **Page H9843**

Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area Act: The House passed H.R. 324, to establish the Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area, by a recorded vote of 281 ayes to 142 noes, Roll No. 728. **Pages H9840–42, H9844–54**

Agreed to the Bishop (UT) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments by a ye-and-nay vote of 259 yeas to 167 nays, Roll No. 727. Subsequently, Representative Grijalva reported the bill back to the House with the amendments and the amendments were agreed to. **Pages H9851–53**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in H. Rept. 111–263 shall be considered as adopted. **Page H9844**

H. Res. 760, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 244 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 723, after it was agreed to order the previous question without objection. **Pages H9840–42**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Simpson motion to adjourn by a ye-and-nay vote of 42 yeas to 355 nays, Roll No. 730. **Page H9866**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Kingston motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 50 ayes to 349 noes, Roll No. 732. **Page H9868**

Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2010—Motion to go to Conference: The House agreed to the Wasserman Schultz motion to disagree to the Senate amendment and agree to a conference on H.R. 2918, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, after it was agreed to order the previous question by a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 171 noes, Roll No. 733. **Page H9869**

Rejected the Aderholt motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a ye-and-nay vote of 191 yeas to 213 nays, Roll No. 734. **Pages H9869–71**

The Chair appointed the following conferees: Representatives Wasserman Schultz, Honda, McCollum, Ryan (OH), Ruppertsberger, Rodriguez, Obey, Aderholt, LaTourette, Cole, and Lewis (CA). **Page H9871**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9841–42, H9842–43, H9843, H9843–44, H9852–53, H9853–54, H9854–55, H9866, H9867–68, H9868, H9869, H9871. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EMPLOYMENT NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on H.R. 3017, Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representatives Baldwin and Frank of Massachusetts; Stuart J. Ishimaru, Acting Chairman, EEOC; and public witnesses.

AMERICA'S AFFORDABLE HEALTH CHOICES ACT OF 2009

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Met in open markup session to consider a motion by Mr. Dingell to instruct the Chairman of the Committee on Energy and Commerce to transmit to the Committee on Rules additional recommended amendments included in the motion for consideration, by the Committee on Rules and the House of Representatives, in connection with H.R. 3200, America's Affordable Health Choice Act of 2009, as previously ordered reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The motion was agreed to, amended, by a roll call vote of 28–22.

FINANCIAL REGULATORY REFORM

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "The Administration's Proposals for Financial Regulatory Reform." Testimony was heard from Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury.

FINANCE REFORM REGULATOR PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "Federal Regulator Perspectives on Financial Regulatory Reform Proposals." Testimony was heard from Sheila C. Bair, Chairman, FDIC; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: John C. Dugan, Comptroller, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; and John E. Bowman, Acting Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; and Joseph A. Smith, Jr., Commissioner of Banks, State of North Carolina.

DISCHARGING EDUCATIONAL DEBT IN BANKRUPTCY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on

an Undue Hardship? Discharging Educational Debt in Bankruptcy. Testimony was heard from Representative Davis of Illinois; and public witnesses.

DISCHARGING EDUCATIONAL DEBT IN BANKRUPTCY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on an Undue Hardship? Discharging Educational Debt in Bankruptcy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MINORITIES IN THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "The Silent Depression: How Are Minorities Faring in The Economic Downturn?" Testimony was heard from Raymond Skinner, Secretary, Department of Housing and Community Development, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by voice vote, a rule authorizing the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules at any time on the legislative day of September 24, 2009. The resolution applies to motions related to H.R. 3631, the "Medicare Premium Fairness Act".

CYBERSECURITY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Science Education approved for full Committee action a Committee print titled Cybersecurity Research and Development Amendments Act of 2009.

FINANCIAL REGULATORY RESTRUCTURING IMPACTS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "The Impact of Financial Regulatory Restructuring on Small Businesses and Community Lenders." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FAA'S AIRLINE SAFETY AND PILOT TRAINING

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on the Federal Aviation Administration's Call to Action on Airline Safety and Pilot Training. Testimony was heard from J. Randolph Babbitt, Administrator, FAA, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL BUILDING SECURITY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing on

Risk-based Security in Federal Buildings: Targeting Funds to Real Risks and Eliminating Unnecessary Security Obstacles. Testimony was heard from John Porcari, Deputy Secretary, Department of Transportation; Mark Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure, GAO; Robert Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA; William G. Dowd, Director, Physical Planning Division, National Capital Planning Commissioner; the following officials of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security: Gary Schenkel, Director; and Patrick Moses, Regional Director, National Capital Region; and public witnesses.

VA SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE BONUSES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation held a hearing on the SES Bonuses and Other Administrative Issues at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: James J. O'Neill, Assistant Inspector General, Investigations; and W. Scott Gould, Deputy Secretary.

BRIEFING—AFGHANISTAN/PAKISTAN

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Afghanistan/Pakistan. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

DHS OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE AND ANALYSIS REFORM EFFORTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on DHS Office of Intelligence and Analysis Reform Efforts. Testimony was heard from Bart Johnson, Acting Under Secretary, Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security; and the following officials of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence: Peter Lavoy, Deputy Director, National Intelligence for Analysis; and Rebecca Strode, Assistant Deputy Director, National Intelligence for Analytic Integrity and Standards.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the President's decision on missile defense in Europe, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act, focusing on one year later, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to continue consideration of an original bill entitled "America's Healthy Future Act of 2009", Time to be announced, SH-216.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the government, focusing on performance, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine a review of United States diplomatic readiness, focusing on the staffing and foreign language challenges facing the foreign service, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 448 and H.R. 985, bills to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, S. 1692, to extend the sunset of certain provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act and the authority to issue national security letters, S. 369, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, S. 1670, to reform and modernize the limitations on exclusive rights relating to secondary transmissions of certain signals, and the nominations of Paul Joseph Fishman, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey, Jenny A. Durkan, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Washington, Florence T. Nakakuni, to be United States Attorney for the District of Hawaii, Deborah K. R. Gilg, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska, and Ignacia S. Moreno, of New York, to be Assistant Attorney General, all of the Department of Justice, and Joseph A. Greenaway, Jr., of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Roberto A. Lange, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota, Irene Cornelia Berger, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia, and Charlene Edwards Honeywell, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Defense Acquisition Reform Panel, hearing on DOD Supply Chain Management: Can the Department Identify and Meet Its Supply Needs Efficiently? 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet, hearing entitled "A National Interoperable Broadband Network for Public Safety: Recent Developments," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled “Experts’ Perspectives on Systemic Risk and Resolution Issues,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled “Recent Innovations in Securitization,” 2:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled “I&A Reconceived: Defining A Homeland Security Intelligence Role,” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing entitled “Credit Rating Agencies and the Next Financial Crisis,” followed by consideration of the following measures: H. Con. Res. 186, Supporting the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month; H. Res. 725, Congratulating the Chula Vista Park View Little League team of Chula Vista, California, for winning the 2009 Little League World Series Championship; H. Res. 734, Expressing the support for and honoring September 17, 2009 as “Constitution Day;” H. Res. 693, Honoring the life and accomplishments of Jim Johnson and extending the condolences of the House of Representatives to his family on the occasion of his death; H.R. 3547, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 936 South 250 East in Provo, Utah, as the “Rex E. Lee Post Office Building;” and H. Res. 16, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Life Insurance Awareness Month, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on the Potential Need for Measurement Standards to Facilitate the Research and Development of Biologic Drugs, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology, hearing entitled “The Roles of Federal Labs in Spurring Innovation and Entrepreneurship Across the U.S.” 12:30 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the future of newspapers, focusing on the impact on the economy and democracy, 10 a.m., 210—CHOB.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to consider the following: H.R. 3619, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2009; H.R. 3618, Clean Hull Act of 2009; H.R. 3305, To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 224 South Boulder Avenue in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the “H. Dale Cook Federal Build-

ing and United States Courthouse;” H. Con. Res. 138, Recognizing the 40th anniversary of the George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston, Texas; H. Res. 465, Recognizing the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association on the occasion of its 10th anniversary; H.R. 719, Commending Russ Meyer on his induction into the National Aviation Hall of Fame; H.R. 1700, National Women’s History Museum Act of 2009; and GSA Capital Investment Program Resolutions, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on Honoring the Fallen: How Can We Better Serve America’s Veterans and Their Families? 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 294, Veteran-Owned Small Business Promotion Act of 2009; H.R. 1169, To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of assistance provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disabled veterans for specially adapted housing and automobiles and adapted equipment; H.R. 1182, Military Spouses Residency Relief Act; H.R. 2416, To require the Department of Veterans Affairs to use purchases of goods or services through the Federal supply schedules for the purpose of meeting certain contracting goals for participation by small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans, including veterans with service-connected disabilities; H.R. 2461, Veterans Small Business Verification Act; H.R. 2614, Veterans’ Advisory Committee on Education Reauthorization Act of 2009; H.R. 2696, Servicemembers Rights Protection Act; H.R. 2874, Helping Active Duty Deployed Act of 2009; H.R. 2928, To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an apprenticeship and on-job training program under the Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program; H.R. 3223, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the Department of Veterans Affairs contracting goals and references for small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans; H.R. 3554, National Guard Education Equity Act; H.R. 3561, To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of educational assistance provided to certain veterans for flight training; H.R. 3577, Education Assistance to Realign New Eligibilities for Dependents (EARNED) Act of 2009; and other draft legislation, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, hearing entitled “Solar Heats Up: Accelerating Widespread Deployment,” 1:30 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, September 24

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, September 24

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2996, Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: To be announced.

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